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The Christian and the butterfly

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A NEW CREATION
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Bible Study Passages: Eph. 4:17-5:2; II Cor. 5:17.

INTRODUCTION

When a butterfly emerges from its cocoon, an astounding change takes place. It is quite amazing how an ugly caterpillar can become an airborne creature with beautiful wings. This strange phonomenon takes place after much struggle as the caterpillar labors to free itself from its prison-like home.

After much effort the caterpillow is free. Under the warm sun the beautiful wings unfold and the wiggley caterpillar has now become a graceful winged creature of beauty. Its brief life is lived "kissing" the flowers and adoring our world with beauty.

The butterfly has only a short life span in which to enjoy the flowers and the warm summer sun.

The Christian has some of the characteristics of the butterfly. We each have the potential to realize our beauty and uniqueness when we open our eyes to the light of God's love and acceptance. We are marred by sin until we acknowledge our "ugliness" and accept God's grace through faith in Christ. Then we become "new creations," capable of many great works.

The Ugliness of Unbelief [Eph. 4:17-19]

Paul sought to jog the memory of Christian converts concerning what they like in times past. We can never forget the impact Christ had upon us in our meeting him. When we purge ourselves of our sin through confession and acceptance of Christ, we make room for the spirit to fill the vacancy.

We encounter trouble when we choose to alienate ourselves from God through our deliberate choice. It is easy to get to the place where we do not care; and when we don't care we can't feel. Once we give up our capacity to feel and care, we are apt to do anything without regard for self or others.

The Christian Standard[Eph. 4:20-5:2]

"But ye have not so learned Christ . . ." Christians are not immune from slipping back into old patterns of sinful behavior. Paul was obviously concerned about those followers of Christ who might return to a previous condition of sin. To counteract this problem, Paul points to the example of Christ. "The way to avoid evil," argues Paul, "is to walk in daily fellowship with Christ." (Author's paraphrase)

The Christian life is not something we put on and take off as we would a suit or dress. When we "put on the new man" we are not to take it off as we would a piece of clothing. When we become a Christian we vow to walk daily with the Lord. In other words, we share our love for others in a way he shared his love for us. We give freely of ourselves to serve our brothers and sisters.

Behold! A New Creation [II Cor. 5:17]

Paul knew from first hand experience what it meant to be a "new creation." His earlier relationship to Christ was not compassionate and supportive. In fact, he did his best to squelch the Christian movement. But when he encountered the risen Lord, all of his hostility was changed to love and support.

Many people grope in darkness until they come face to face with the light of Christ. In this encounter our wills are subjected to his will. No longer are we our own boss; we have a new leader whom we serve unselfishly.

How does the world know that we have encountered Christ? A verse from a Christian hymn sums it up... "They will know we are Christian by our love..."

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Obituaries

Mrs. Lelia Gallier Bowles

Mrs. Lelia Gallier Bowles, age 89, formerly of Route 2, Pamplin, died Thursday in a Farmville hospital. She was the widow of Ronald E. Bowles and a daughter of the late George W. Gallier and Nannie P. Beasley Gallier.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald E. Bowles, Jr., Farmville, Weldon Bowles, Pamplin, and Raymond N. Bowles, Salem; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. in College Presbyterian Church in Hampden-Sydney, with interment in Westview Cemetery.

Shorter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ervin Percy Britton

Ervin Percy Britton, 76, of Route 1, Gladys, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1983, in Brookneal.

He was born in Halifax County Aug. 11, 1907, a son of the late Conrad W. Britton and Della Fallen Britton. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by three brothers, Marquis A. (Putch) Britton and Conrad Billy Britton, both of Gladys, and Jesse L. Britton, Newport News; three sisters, Miss Bessie L. Britton, Gladys, Mrs. David (Verneader) Reid, Appomattox, and Mrs. George (Betty) Mitchell, Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Henderson Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. W. S. Wallace and Melvin Bradshaw. Burial was in Staunton River Baptist Church cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Minnie L. Cole

Miss Minnie L. Cole, 89, formerly of Pamplin, died Sunday in Friendship Manor in Roanoke.

Born in Smyth County, she was a daughter of the late John B. Cole and Lauretta Bishop Cole. She was a member of Pamplin United Methodist Church.

Graveside funeral services were held at 4 p.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church cemetery.

Eloise A. Engledove

A graveside service for Mrs. Giles C. Engledove, Richmond, a civic leader and a former president of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, was held at 11 a.m. Monday in Riverview Cemetery, Richmond.

Mrs. Engledove, 80, of 4706 Grove Ave. died Friday night in a Richmond hospital.

She was president of the federation from 1962 to 1964, and was named to Who's Who Among American Women. President Nixon awarded her a citation in 1970 for her civic contributions.

At various times, Mrs. Engledove was president of the Thomas Jefferson Woman's Club, the Virginia Association for the Prevention of Blindness, the Richmond Area Mental Health Association, the Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, the Presidents' Council of Richmond Women's Clubs and the Sunshine Circle of Crippled Children's Hospital.

She was a founder of the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was active on the boards of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Virginia Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Richmond Heart Association.

Mrs. Engledove, the former Eloise Atwood of Appomattox County, graduated from Appomattox High School and attended Hollins College before moving to Richmond in 1936. She was a member of Centenary United Methoidst Church.

She is survived by her husband, Giles C. Engledove, and a son, Giles C. Engledove Jr.

Florence Carroll Hicks

Florence Carroll Hicks, 90, of Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 1983, in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Hicks.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Richard Baxter Carroll and Annie Ragland Carroll. She was a retired employee of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation, where she was a member of the Quarter Century Club. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Raymond L. Hicks and Richard H. Hicks, both of Lynchburg; three daughters, Virginia H. Callahan, Orlando, Fla., and Gladys H. Pugh and Jean H. Eagle, both of Madison Heights; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Stephen Hassmer. Interment was in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Harry Lee Leadbetter

Harry Lee Leadbetter, 74, of Route 2, Gladstone, died Monday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Newport News, he was a son of the late James Bland Leadbetter and Jessie Lee Leadbetter McCormick. He was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church and was a retired employee of the C&O Railroad.

He is survived by one son, Harry Lee Leadbetter, Jr., Richmond; three sisters, Ethel McCormick, Gladstone, and Catherine Burks and Edith Tyree, both of Richmond; one brother, William T. McCormick, Appomattox, and several devoted nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. J.N. Williams. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Virgie Spradlin Megginson

Mrs. Virgie Spradlin Megginson, 89, of Appomattox, died Oct. 12, 1983, in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel Thomas Megginson.

She was born in Bedford County, a daughter of the late Riley Fisher Spradlin and Nannie Creasey Spradlin. She attended Reedy Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Riley T. and John W. Megginson, both of Appomattox, and Wallace R. Megginson, Spout Spring; four daughters, Mrs. Edith Williams and Mrs. Jean Nash,both of Appomattox,Mrs. Nancy Hughes, Richmond, and Mrs. Anna Phelps, Crews; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, James Henry Spradlin, Spout Spring, and a sister, Mrs. Riley S. Young, Blackstone.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Revs. James Kerr and J. N. Williams. Burial was in Liberty Chapel Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Minnie Bell Robertson Parker

Mrs. Minnie Bell Robertson Parker, 76, of Route 3, South Boston, died in Halifax Community Hospital at 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

Born in Appomattox County Jan. 4, 1907, she was the wife of the late Leonard Talbert Parker. She was a retired dietitian with the Odd Fellows Home in Lynchburg.

She leaves surviving two sons, Morris H. (Snooks) Parker, Rustburg, and Leonard T. Parker, Jr., Franklin; three daughters, Mrs. Dorri Ingram, South Boston, Mrs. Kathleen Josey of Mebane, N.C., and Mrs. Ann Crickenberger, Madison Heights; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Steve Parker and A Howell Franklin at Finch & Finch Funeral Home chapel at 2 p.m. Monday with burial in Salem United Methodist Church cemetery.

Finch & Finch Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Church calendar

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

Every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. the Alcoholics Anonymous group and the Al-Anon group meet at St. Anne's Church on Oakleigh Avenue in Appomattox.

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The primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Nelson to sing

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Greg Nelson, a dynamic young full-time music evangelist will present a program of Christian music at Yellow Branch Baptist Church on U.S. Route 29 Sunday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m.

Greg has appeared in churches, youth rallies and revivals as well as on national television. In 1977 he was voted the "Most Achieved Pianist Award" by the National School of Gospel Music.

He has appeared in concert with the Blackwood Brothers, Speer Family, Truth Quartet, Mid-South Boys and others.

A nursery will be provided.

Concert planned

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The Mt. Zion Baptist Church choirs, the Men's Chorus and the Faithful Five, of Red House, will be in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Senior Choir.

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CVCA approves freezer payment

The Board of Central Virginia Commission on Aging approved payment for the Appomattox nutrition freezer in the amount of $1900 in meeting on Monday, Oct. 10.

Meeting with board members were Mr. T. C. Jones, acting director and Mr. James Stampler, assistant commissioner with the State Department on Aging.

Appomattox County is represented on the 12-member board by chairperson, Franklin Vaughan and by Francis Elliott. The counties of Appomattox, Amherst, Bedford,Campbell and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg are represented on the board. Each have two appointed members to the board.

The walk-in freezer for the nutrition program will be used to store commodity foods, foods for the Commission on Aging Nutrition program, emergency food pantry foods and food donations received from community residents for Christmas baskets and other nutrition needs.

Mrs. Jenny Fratrick's, volunteer coordinator, response to the $1900 gift was, "I am pleased and very grateful for the support of the Commission on Aging."

The freezer-nutrition contest coodinated by Mrs. Jenny Fratrick to underwrite the $2400.00 cost of the freezer and other nutrition related costs will be held as advertised on Dec. 2, 1983 at 2 p.m. at Appomattox Depot.

Proceeds from the contest will be used to pay approximately $500 in freezer cost: installation, electrical wiring, care and maintenance.

The generous donations received from Appomattox County citizens and civic organizations will be used with remaining contest funds to supplement other nutrition needs for county residents.

Virginia Babcock, director, Appomattox Department of Social Services, said "We are delighted! As usual, Appomattox County citizens are among the first across the Commonwealth to respond to the needs of their people. We are deeply appreciative of and grateful to the acting director and Commission on Aging board members for the cooperation and assistance given to the elderly citizens in Appomattox County."

Contest tickets are available now for a 17-inch RCA color television set, an AM/FM Panasonic stereo cassette recorder, and/or a Sony AM/FM radio.

Mrs. Jenny Fratrick, volunteer coordinator, staff members at the Appomattox Department of Social Services and other Appomattox volunteers may be contacted for tickets.

Conference slated for ag teachers

About 80 agricultural education teachers in Southside Virginia are expected to attend a conference in the Jefferson Forest High School, Thursday, Oct. 20.

B. F. Sauls, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox Middle School, and president of the 17-county group, will preside over the sessons which will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Among those scheduled to appear on the program are J. D. Puckett, William Campbell High School; J. D. Robertson, Gretna Junior High School; Lillian Martin, Pittsylvania Vo Tech; Glen Pierce, Cumberland High School; and Mark May, Monelison Junior.

State VVATA President Rudy Hayden will give a report. Dr. John R. Crunkilton, VPI&SU, will present a special program on "Agriculture in Greece."

The group will be welcomed to Jefferson Forest by Dr. William Sugg, principal of the host school. G. S. Jones, agricultural education instructor, is in charge of local arrangements for the conference.

Jones arrives for duty in Japan

Pfc. Annette Jones, granddaugnter of Magnolia and Robert B. Jones, Sr. of Rural Route 1, Concord, Va., has arrived for duty at Camp Zama, Japan.

Jones, a data communications specialist with the U.S. Army Communications Command, was previously assigned at Fort Gordon, Ga.

She is a 1979 graduate of Rustburg High School, Va.

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